

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A character string input assistance program,  
comprising:

5 a step of receiving an input unconverted character  
string;

a step of receiving a conversion command for the  
unconverted character string;

10 a step of executing display for prompting selection  
of a plurality of conversion candidate databases constituted  
by pre-storing conversion candidate character strings in  
accordance with the conversion command;

a step of receiving a command for selecting a  
conversion candidate database;

15 a step of referring to the conversion candidate  
database selected in accordance with the command for  
selecting the conversion candidate database to present a  
conversion candidate character string included in the  
conversion candidate database;

20 a step of receiving a command for selecting a  
conversion candidate character string; and

a step of supplying the conversion candidate  
character string selected in accordance with the command for  
selecting the conversion candidate character string to the  
other predetermined program.

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2. The character string input assistance program as  
claimed in Claim 1, wherein the other predetermined program

is an electronic medical chart preparation program, and the plurality of conversion candidate databases include at least one selected from a disease name database, a disease name code database and a medicine name database.

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3. The character string input assistance program as claimed in Claim 1, which is processed cooperatively with an input method program constituted independently of the other predetermined program.

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4. The character string input assistance program as claimed in Claim 2, which is processed cooperatively with an input method program constituted independently of the other predetermined program.

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5. A character string inputting apparatus, comprising:

a memory section for storing a plurality of conversion candidate databases constituted by pre-storing conversion candidate character strings;

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an information processing section connected to the memory section;

an input section for receiving an operation from a user; and

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a display section for presenting information to the user; and

the apparatus having functions of executing display

for prompting input of a command for selecting a conversion candidate database on a display section during execution of the other predetermined program in accordance with inputs of an unconverted character string and a conversion command,  
5 referring to the conversion candidate database selected in accordance with the input of the command for selecting the conversion candidate database to execute, on the display section, display for prompting input of a command for selecting a conversion candidate character string included in  
10 the conversion candidate database, and supplying the conversion candidate character string selected in accordance with the input of the command for selecting the conversion candidate character string to the other predetermined program.

15           6. A character string inputting method, comprising:  
a step of receiving an input unconverted character string;

a step of receiving a conversion command for the unconverted character string;

20 a step of executing display for prompting selection of a plurality of conversion candidate databases constituted by pre-storing conversion candidate character strings in accordance with the conversion command;

a step of receiving a command for selecting a  
25 conversion candidate database;

a step of referring to the conversion candidate database selected in accordance with the command for

selecting the conversion candidate database to present a  
conversion candidate character string included in the  
conversion candidate database;

5 a step of receiving a command for selecting a  
conversion candidate character string; and

a step of supplying the conversion candidate  
character string selected in accordance with the command for  
selecting the conversion candidate character string to the  
other predetermined program.